(ख) इस कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत लाये जाने वाले ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) प्राप्त किए गए लक्ष्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुही राम सैकिया): (क) और (ख) इस योजना के अन्तर्गत ऐसा कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया है। इस योजना का कार्य क्षेत्र उन गिने-चुने क्षेत्रों तक ही सीमित है जिनमें संपूर्ण साक्षरता आभियानों (टी॰एल॰सी॰) को कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा सका है। इस प्रकार यह योजना, जिन क्षेत्रों में संपूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान कार्यान्वित नहीं किए जा सके, उन्हें संपूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान से जोड़ती है। विभिन्न राज्यों में संपूर्ण साक्षरता अभियान के कार्यान्वयन की तेज गति को देखते हुए, ग्रामीण कार्यात्मक साक्षरता कार्यक्रम के कार्यान्वयन में स्वत: ही कमी आई, अतएव वर्ष 1995-96 तथा 1996-97 के लिए इस योजना के लिए बजट का टोकन प्रावधान रखा गया है।

(ग) वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान कोई प्रस्ताव संस्वीकृत नहीं किया गया। वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान, पूर्वी, पश्चिमी, उत्तरी तथा दक्षिणी जिलों में 5168 निरक्षरों को शामिल करने के लिए सिक्किम राज्य में चार परियोजनाएं संस्वीकृत की गई। इस परियोजना का अभी कार्यान्वयन चल रहा है।

Use of Plastics in Horticulture

2275. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULUTE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are encouraging the use of plastics in favour of drip irrigation, green houses and plastic mulches to improve production of horticltural crops;

(b) if so, how far these have been popularized among Indian farmers in various States; and

(c) whether Government are providing financial assistance to popularise the use of plastics in horticulture?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area covered upto March 1996 under drip installation, green house and plastic mulch is 1.4 lakh ha., 300 ha. and 2540 ha. respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Hunger Strike by FCI Emplyees

2276. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) employees at Ramagundam observed relay hunger strike recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to meet their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The employees of Ramagundam unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) went on relay hunger strike from 16.10.96 to 20.10.96 in support of their demand for implementation of wage revision under fifth round of wage negotiations in Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). FCI had been declared as a sick company by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). FCI management is unable to implement wage revision of the workers as it did not fulfil the conditions laid down under the extant Government guidelines for the fifth round of wage negotiations in PSEs. Salary revision in respect of other categories of employees can be considered once the BIFR approves revival package for FCI, including its Ramagundam unit.

Action Against Errant Teachers of Government Schools

2277. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to answer to Unstarred Question 2616, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th August, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the percentage of the first generation learners, as reported by the Government of NCT of Delhi, is based on authentic survey;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the teachers of Government Schools have engaged themselves in private tuitions which indirectly contribute to their negligent attitude in the classes;